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**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as set forth below:

At page 1, prior to line 3, please insert the headings  
--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION  
FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 1, prior to line 5, please insert the heading  
-DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

At page 2, prior to line 12, please insert the heading --  
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 4, prior to line 16, please insert the heading --  
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 as  
follows:

The invention will be more readily understood and other  
advantages thereof will appear more clearly in [[the]] light of  
the following description of a ~~form of~~ preferred embodiment of a  
Francis turbine runner in accordance with its principle, given

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solely by way of example and made with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary plan view of a portion of a conventional Francis turbine;

Figure 2 is a perspective view ~~in perspective and with parts torn having portions broken away~~ of a Francis turbine runner according to the invention;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 1 ~~of the~~ turbine of Figure 2; and

Figure 4 is a principle transverse section, on a larger scale, of a blade of the runner of Figures 2 and 3.

At page 4, prior to line 3, please insert the heading --  
DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.